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For: PACKED COLUMN AND POLYMERIZABLE COMPOUND TREATING
METHOD USING THE SAME

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Sir:

SECOND STATUS INQUIRY

The above-identified application was filed on October 16, 2000. An official Filing Receipt was mailed to us on November 27, 2000 granting the filing date. A Status Inquiry was filed on October 16, 2003.

On December 3, 2003, Applicant's Attorney received a paper from the Patent Office stating the application would be examined within 3 months. Since that time Applicant has not received a communication from the Patent Office.

Inquiry is made as to the status of the present application and when an Action will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

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